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**Stephanie Kost**

**From:** Jennifer I. Liebenow [jennifer@liebenow.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 12, 2003 12:41 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Thank you for your efforts

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TO: Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
FROM: Jennifer Liebenow, Minneapolis, MN  
DATE: December 11, 2003

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

This evening I listened again to your remarks from the National Conference on Media Reform over the internet. I was in Madison and really appreciated both your speech and harmonica playing.

I am just writing to thank you for your vote and dedication to returning media to where it belongs--in the hands of the people of this nation.

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful holiday season,

Jennifer Liebenow  
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**From:** Simon . Noel [snoel@lonestar.utsa.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 31, 2003 2:52 AM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein  
**Cc:** fcc@thetip.org

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Dear FCC Commissioners:

Federal Communications Commission  
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Please don't allow companies to own more than one television station in the same market.  
The media is centralized enough as it is.

Best,

Simon Noel

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**From:** Tyler Brown [Tyler\_Brown@quinton.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2003 9:51 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** New transpiration frequencies

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Try not to give away the spectrum to a few select companies that already own too much, OK?

By the way I'm still sore about your decision to drive independent TV, radio and newspapers out of business. Too bad we won't know how bad this decision was until they're gone. Kind of like California energy deregulation – sounded like a good idea for the consumers at the time, didn't it. Turned out great – for Enron!

T. Brown

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**From:** Eric J Barnard [ejbarnard@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2003 8:29 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell  
**Subject:** Media Deregulation

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Eric J Barnard  
[ejbarnard@earthlink.net](mailto:ejbarnard@earthlink.net)  
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

After seeing you on television trying to defend media deregulation, I felt compelled to write you this e-mail in the hope that I can get you to see the flaw in your reasoning. True, because of the advancement in technology American have an increasing rang of options of how they can send and receive information. However, if all those options are controlled by the same handful of corporations, then what's the point? It isn't the number options that matter, it's the number of sources. If you have five corporations all owning one 24hr news channel well then you have five choices for news and information. But if those five companies all go out and start another news channel the number of channels gone up but the number of sources hasn't. Your still only getting five different messages.

Besides that I don't see way it is so important that the same companies own it all. Why can't it be different companies?

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**From:** TourLA@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2003 3:28 PM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Subject:** My opinion, for what its worth

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Hello Commissioner Copps,

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

I want to urge you to not allow Murdoch to gain any more power or influence in our country.

I also think I heard that the FCC made an exemption to the rules for him, or his company, to own media outlets in the first place. Please do something about that.

Changing the subject, I didn't see this years "Victoria's Secret" show. but thank you for not letting those people with a perverted sense of decency, who think that the sight of a woman's body will turn men into evil beasts, win. Let those people move to Saudi Arabia with liked minded fanatics.

Also, thank you for all of the good work you did about the multiple station ownership issue. Is there a remote possibilty that it all can become even more democratically fair and that restricting ownership can more restrictive again?

David Orozco  
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Los Angeles, CA 90042

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2003 5:59 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Stop the digital broadcast give-away

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From: Edward Gallup

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

It is the duty of the FCC to guard the public's interests--not corporate interests. Nothing less than the future of our democracy is at stake. Without a publicly provided means for the free flow of all ideas the current devolution will continue. When 69% of Americans recently stated they believed in a direct link between Saddam and 9-11, any argument was ended. For whatever reason, the people were operating in ignorance. The present system spawned this ignorance and allowed it to continue. I'll admit that it may not be all media's fault. But the huge liability of an ignorant public nevertheless existed and it threatens our very democracy. Even if it is not "capitalistically" sound to support free public information and idea exchange--it is "democratically" an absolute requirement.

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2003 12:31 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Stop the digital broadcast give-away

Federal Communications Commission  
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From: Bart Preecs

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I am deeply disturbed by the lack of public attention this issue has received. There is a long and dishonorable tradition of deciding these issues inside the closed "FCCworld" of industry lobbyists, Congressional committee staff and FCC staff.

I urge you to hold the widest possible set of public hearings on the implications of digital must carry before taking any action.

Thank you.

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2003 12:22 PM  
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From: Ben Johnson

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I live in a city run by corporations and special interest sold politicians. By having our sold-out politicians giving public airspace to major corporations (yes, the public owns the media, not corporations) it's a slap in the face of democracy, the local communities who watch this programming, and the American people in general. By selling what the public owns as if it belongs to government, or corporations you are increasing civil unrest and social disorder. Continuing down this path will be the end of civility by the public and the end of this so-called democracy. thanks



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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2003 10:28 AM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner White  
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From: Terry Huffhines

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Tighter controls over Broadcast media should be the norm not give aways that lead to monopoly like control by two or or three giants.

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2003 12:31 AM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commission for Justice  
**Subject:** Stop the digital broadcast give-away

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From: RUTH AND LEO F. SCHWEITZER JR

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

WITH ALL THE NEEDS THE POOR, THE ELDERLY, THE HUNGRY PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY HAVE, HOW CAN YOU GIVE BILLIONS AWAY TO THOSE WHO COULD CERTAINLY AFFORD TO PAY-EVEN IF THIS WERE A 'FAIR' THING TO DO?

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2003 9:26 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commission on the Future of  
**Subject:** Stop the digital broadcast give-away

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From: Joseph Eugene Fasciani

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Cut the crap and cease corporatism. The airwaves belong to the people, and THEY should get some benefit beyond dumbed down commentators and mindless crapola. You should be ashamed of yourselves as you gut the nation's resources for the benefit of seven companies.

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2003 8:43 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Stop the digital broadcast give-away

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From: Carroll Godwin

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Dear Congressman/Senator:

I oppose approving any new FCC give-away to the broadcasters without the Commission first finalizing a proceeding on new public interest obligations for digital TV. The country deserves new requirements for broadcasting, including additional news and public affairs programs or channels; quality educational children's services; and new, measurable forms of community service. If the FCC proceeds without first safeguarding the public interest, it will be just another big hand-out to the broadcasting lobby.

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2003 7:51 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein  
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From: Paul W. Sapienza

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Not only do I support this opposition, I want to break up all the monopolies in the broadcast forum including but not limited to radio stations, concert promotion, newsprint and magazines. Also we need to let the Internet forum be unowned and used for free by the public.

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2003 4:58 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein  
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From: Jeff Solberg

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

It's about time for our Government officials to start acting in support of the people of this nation instead of special interest groups.

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2003 1:43 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Stop the digital broadcast give-away

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From: Thom Speidel

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Michael Powell, please DO YOUR JOB and safeguard the public interest on these issues instead of catering to the interests of the media conglomerates.

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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2003 5:07 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adestein  
**Subject:** Stop the digital broadcast give-away

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From: gregew@sover.net

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I am helping the state and national PEG Access efforts to guarantee bandwidth on cable systems as a part of the cable operators' obligation to the public interest in those communities they serve. I believe that digital bandwidth, like analog bandwidth, allocated to public use is a fair and reasonable trade for any telecommunications entity that uses the public rights-of-way, just as broadcasters monopolize and use a bandwidth of the electromagnetic spectrum.



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**From:** democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
**Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2003 9:55 AM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Stop the digital broadcast give-away

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From: Haunani Singer

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Network Media ownership should be maintained at the old percentage rate of no more than 35%.

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**From:** Robert Rutkowski [rutkowski@terraworld.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 22, 2003 7:15 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; Kathleen Abernathy; KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein  
**Cc:** Tom Daschle; Nancy Pelosi; George W. Bush  
**Subject:** Stop the Digital Broadcast Giveaway

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
FCC Commissioner Michael C. Copps  
FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I oppose approving any new FCC give-away to the broadcasters without the Commission first finalizing a proceeding on new public interest obligations for digital TV. The country deserves new requirements for broadcasting, including additional news and public affairs programs or channels; quality educational children's services; and new, measurable forms of community service. If the FCC proceeds without first safeguarding the public interest, it will be just another big hand-out to the broadcasting lobby.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring these remarks to your attention.

Mindful of the enormous responsibilities which stand before you, I am,

Yours sincerely,  
Robert E. Rutkowski

cc:  
Senator Tom Daschle  
Andrew H. Card, Jr.  
Nancy Pelosi

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**From:** Marcelle Pecot [marcelle@ncinternet.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 05, 2003 9:20 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; KM KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Commissioner Adelstein; Kathleen Abernathy  
**Subject:** do not approve

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Please, DO NOT continue to centralize the media. As an American, I am disgusted that we are not hearing the truth of what going on in Iraq. This is democracy and we have a right to know and the concentration of media control in one or two hands leads to propaganda and media manipulation.

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**From:** Tom Freeman [allstateflag@pennswoods.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 27, 2003 8:42 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; kabernat@fcc.gov; Michael Copps; KJMWEB; Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** re: Rupert Murdoch

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Rupert Murdoch was what could be called an 'illegal corporate immigrant'.

At every step, this man has been helped by the FCC to gain even more economic power. Apparently, the anti-public policy continues with the approval of his gaining an interest in DirecTV.

I would like to register my disapproval of a government of the corporations, by the corporations, and for the corporations. Public policy is no longer made for the benefit of the people. This is undemocratic.

We do not need any more media concentration. You have failed in your watchdog role just as did the SEC and FERC

The only response I had was to switch from Direct to Dish, Ineffective and hardly satisfying.

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**From:** grea@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2003 2:32 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Media accessibility

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**Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Sir,

I am writing concerning what I conceive as a lack of quality information. With the current rules on media ownership we as a nation are being fed a reduced version of news. For the last year I have been getting more news from companies outside of the United States. Now, I look at US news stations and wonder why they are not covering some of the issues. We used to be the leader in journalism. Now it seems corporate interests are more important than society issues. The owners are using the news to promote their political or ideological views. Instead of getting an overall view of an issue we are getting a slanted one-sided view. Fox is the best example of this. Their corporate influence is obviously pushing an ultraconservative agenda. What happened to objectivity? This is causing a love it or leave it atmosphere.

Rupert Murdoch is now trying to purchase DirecTV. This will further reduce the variety of options for Americans. Through satellite TV we can get more of a variety than from other sources. I fear that this move will allow corporate interests to now determine what stations are available to us. We need to move more towards diversity and less towards one-size-fits-all. The more one individual can control the less competition and variety available. Whether you are conservative, liberal or something in between we should not be subjected to just one side of an issue.

Greg Rea  
1135 5th Ave.  
New Brighton, PA 15066

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**From:** Savannah Hawkins [jttwest2004@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 04, 2003 4:41 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

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**Office of the Secretary**

Savannah Hawkins (jttwest2004@yahoo.com) writes:

Good afternoon;

I have been very impressed with your efforts to save our democracy and recently saw your speech at the Media Reform conference in Madison, Wisconsin in November 2004.

I saw on the news today that Rupert Murdoch seems to be getting his way to buy Direct TV.

I am extremely opposed to this greedy war monger continuing to exploit us and in effect treating us as worthless slaves who should be mindless and unaware.

Please oppose this transaction and let me know if I can make any further impact to stop this!

Thank you.

Savannah Hawkins

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**Calvin Howell**

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**From:** Marcelle Pecot [marcelle@ncinternet.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 05, 2003 9:20 PM  
**To:** Michael Powell; KM KJMWEB; Michael Copps; Commissioner Adelstein; Kathleen Abernathy  
**Subject:** do not approve

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From: democraticmedia@democraticmedia.org  
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From: Penny Lundquist

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I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Because of a recent significant hike in our Comcast service in Calumet City, Illinois, I am finally waking up as a consumer. We have cancelled our cable service until such time as the air waves, which belong to the public, are managed in the public's interest. Comcast and the other media giants have a stranglehold on us and represent a monopoly. Our government agencies should be protecting us, but are protecting the industry instead. Your duty is to the people, not to the profiteers. Please do your duty. Sincerely,

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